



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 9, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, February 9

9:30 a.m. — Laura A. Scattareggia (Kelly McCoy)

Verius Paul (children)

11:30 a.m.— James Aliffi (Maria Aliffi)

People of the Parish

Monday, February 10

9:00 a.m.— Marilyn Huether (Elizabeth Leverock)

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 a.m.— Kevin Rivers (family)

Lloyd Estriplet (Marcelle Estriplet)

Thursday, February 13

9:00 a.m.— Otto Wolz

Saturday, February 15

5:30 p.m.— Diane Pozzi (family)

Michael Russano (family)

Sunday, February 16

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

Domenica Bellavia (Ferrara Family)

11:30 a.m.—Rosemary O'Connor (Rosary Altar Society)

People of the Parish

*Whoever is begotten by God
conquers the world,
and the victory that conquers the world
is our faith. 1John 5:4*

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,533
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,397

Thank You!

We celebrate **EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 9:00 AM

We celebrate **PENANCE**

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Court St. Gerard)

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at 631-585-3938.

Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

Holy Name Society

Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

Rosary Altar Society

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday of the month from September thru June.

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Cor 15:1-11 | Lk 5:1-11

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Woe is me, I am doomed!” “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle.” “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality that when humans stand in the glorious presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today’s readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are *not* the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It’s the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

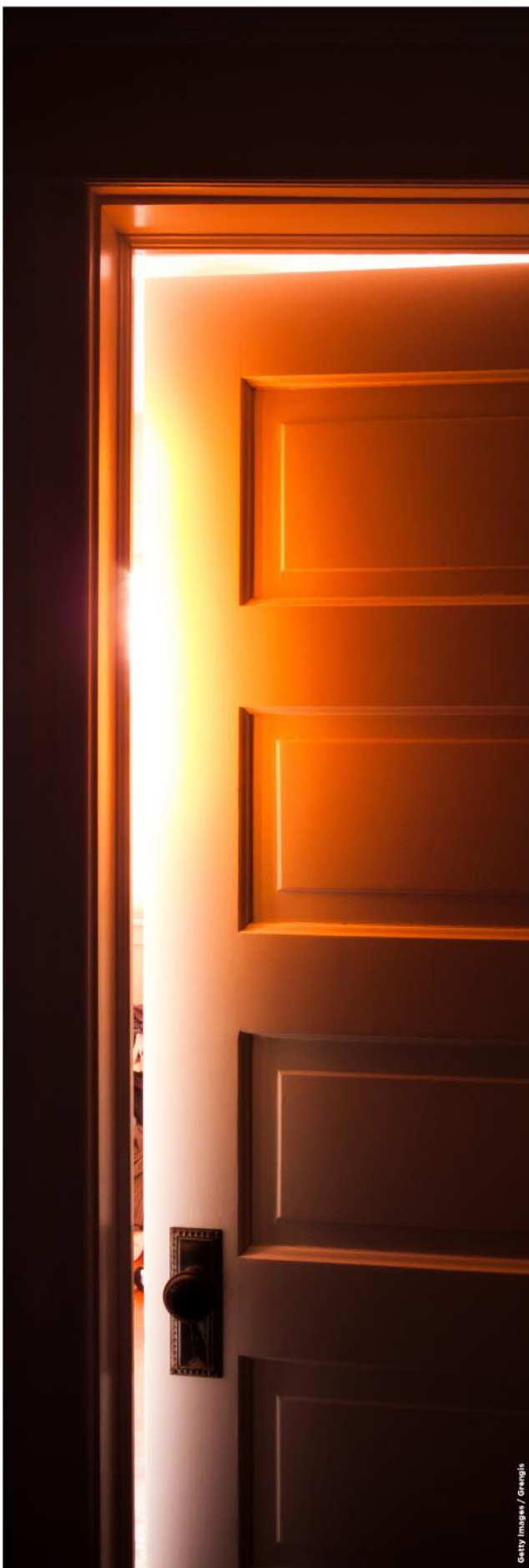
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of today’s readings shows how God’s presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that’s only “step one.” Notice what happens next in each instance. “Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.” “Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid.’” See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

PLAN

Choose one virtue you’d like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as “I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me.” Make sure your plan is: (1) specific [“I will never sin again” doesn’t count], and (2) doable [“I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience” is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.





Week One: February 8/9 – Follow in Community Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

We begin a new message series called “Moving Forward,” about the importance of community, and how as a community we can move forward in our relationship with Christ through our connections with one another.

This message highlights the need for community in a time of isolation. Faith is personal but not private; it thrives in connection with others. The focus will be on addressing objections to small groups and inviting people to join for Lent, laying a foundation for the series.

Faith is personal but not private. We need community to grow in our relationship with Christ.

Encouraged and challenged to take the step toward joining a group.



At Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will examine a topic in depth. We select a topic based on the week-end's scripture readings.

God speaks to us at every moment, especially in a community setting, when His people come together on Sundays and listen to the Word of

God as we celebrate, pray, praise, and thank God. Then the discussion continues in the Small Groups and goes deeper. Our message series usually runs from September to July. Our mission continues to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples.



Small Groups are where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet usually once a week for 90 minutes to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith

journey. If you would like to join a small group, you can sign up by stopping by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email us at rectory@abvmcentereach.com or contact the leaders who are listed below.

Testimonial: "Joining a Small Group has been one of the most remarkable positive differences in my life"

Nick Gigante 516-659-4010, Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 Andres & Sandra (Spanish) 631-704-4606

Daily Practice is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com





THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Men's Weekend Retreat

February 28 @ 4:00 pm - March 2 @ 11:00 am

Cormaria Retreat Center, 77 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Offering - Meals included \$275.00



God's Incredible, Tender Forgiveness.

Embraced by a loving, vulnerable God, promising to be with us always.

To Register: 631-725-4206 or Email info@cormaria.org

SPROUTS

Children's Ministry for
ages four to fifth grade on
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

Assumption parish family has been very generous with our participation in the Catholic Ministries appeal over the years. This year our goal is once again \$56,600. I want to thank you very much for your

generosity and because that for all the blessings God poured out on so many people on Long Island. God bless you. Let us live our mission, Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible!

Parish Social Ministry

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Baked Beans, Canned Chicken, Jelly.



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2025

MASS:

12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

SCRIPTURE SERVICE:

7:30 AM & 4:00 PM



Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective. *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*



PRAYER TEAM



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It’s available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it’s best for you. To access please visit abvmcentereach.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGQ8

Coffee in the Courtyard
in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee Conversations Community

After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or scan the QR Code on your right. Please use **the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CENTEREACH, NY

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

EPHESIANS 3:19

“FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD!”

A parish mission event is when a parish brings in an inspirational guest speaker to preach an uplifting message to equip the people of God to better live out their identity as a son or daughter of the Most High God.

APRIL 6, 7, 8, 2025

7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the church



GIVE JESUS 3 EVENINGS AND HE WILL GIVE YOU...

..HIS LOVE, HIS HEART, AND THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT YOUR HEART IS LONGING FOR.

COME BE A PART OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LENTEN PARISH MISSION AND EXPERIENCE DYNAMIC PREACHING, BEAUTIFUL WORSHIP, AND A POWERFUL ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.

The mission will be led by **John Beaulieu**, founder and president of Romans 5:5, a Catholic Apostolate committed to the renewal of the Catholic Church.

John Beaulieu has been sharing the love of Christ and witnessing about the power and person of the Holy Spirit with youth and adults for the past 40 years. After graduating from Franciscan University, Steubenville he continued his ministry journey serving as a full-time youth minister. In 2003, John returned to Franciscan University to serve as the Director of Youth Conferences for 10 years in the Conference Office at Franciscan University. For the past 11 years, he served as the Director of Evangelization and Formation for the office. He has mentored and helped form hundreds of students at Franciscan University in spirit-filled leadership and spiritual growth. John has been active in the renewal for nearly 4 decades and currently serves on the Board of Pentecost Today, USA. In October 2024, he left his position at Franciscan University to invest full time in his apostolate, Romans 5:5. He speaks to thousands of teens and adults each year at parish, diocesan, and national retreats, missions, and conferences through his ministry. John lives in Steubenville with his lovely bride of 34 years, Lisa. They have five children Andrew, Madeleine, Catherine, JohnPaul, and Therese Marie and one granddaughter, Rita Joy

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There is no charge for the mission - a free will offering will be taken each night that supports a Catholic Mission in Haiti.

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